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universal rule as to the effect of estoppel by deed on title, the author adds that the doctrine upheld by Mr. Washburn, that the title of the person against whom the estoppel operates inures to the one in whose favor it is established and so passes the after acquired title to the grantee, does not seem to be in accord with the general doctrine of estoppel. The conflict of authority as to the requirement of an intention to deceive in estoppel *in pais* is mentioned, but no attempt at explanation is made, the author deeming this question to be one which should be discussed as a matter of equity jurisprudence.

The special feature of the book is found at the end. Here the author has accumulated leading and illustrative cases, which he has grouped in chapters numbered and headed to correspond with the chapters of the text. A study of these cases will impress the student with the application of principles by the courts and thus demonstrate to him their importance.

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A Brief for the Trial of Criminal Cases. By Austin Abbott. Assisted by William C. Beecher. Second edition by the publishers' staff. The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y. 1902. pp., 814.

This book is intended as a working hand-book for the practitioner whose activity is largely in the criminal courts, and it is excellently adapted for that purpose. The arrangement may be called chronological, that is, the various topics are treated in the order in which they ordinarily arise in a criminal prosecution, from the right of the accused to counsel to his final discharge or sentence. The chapters on "Selection of Jurors," "Rules of Evidence," and "Instructing the Jury" are treated with exceptional fullness. Without cumbering the work with an accumulation of authorities on well-settled points of law, the mooted questions are illustrated by a wealth of recent citations pro and con, with an indication of what is, in the author's view, the better or the prevailing opinion. Altogether, this volume, like the others of Mr. Abbott's "Trial Brief Series," is, to the busy lawyer with a criminal practice, indispensable.

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